

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (canceled).

Claim 2 (currently amended): A connecting bracket according to claim [[1]] 14, wherein said bracket comprises a single metal wire.

Claim 3 (currently amended): A connecting bracket according to claim [[1]] 14, wherein said first ~~and second spaced-apart~~ welding contact ~~points are~~ point is proximate ~~opposite ends of the first end of~~ said cross-member, and said second welding contact point is proximate the second end of said cross-member.

Claim 4 (canceled).

Claim 5 (canceled).

Claim 6 (canceled).

Claim 7 (previously presented): A method for anchoring first and second spaced apart walls together to form a single wall structure comprising the steps of:

- (a) providing a masonry anchor comprising:
 - (1) an elongate support frame for being embedded in a mortar joint of said first wall,
 - (2) a plurality of brackets carried by said support frame in spaced-apart relation along a length thereof in a common plane defined by the support frame and adapted for extending outwardly from the support frame into the cavity for connection to a like plurality of spaced-apart connecting members embedded in a mortar joint of the second wall and extending outwardly into the cavity therefrom, each of said plurality of brackets comprising:
 - (i) first and second laterally spaced-apart arms, each arm having a connector on an outwardly extending end portion thereof for engaging a respective complimentary connector carried by each of the connecting members, and
 - (ii) a cross-member extending between the first and second arms, said cross-member shaped to define a concavity in relation to the support frame and first and second spaced-apart welding contact points where the bracket is welded to the support frame;
- (b) positioning the support frame on the mortar joint of the first wall;

- (c) engaging the connectors of each bracket with the respective complimentary connectors carried by each of the connecting members;
- (d) positioning the connecting members on a mortar joint of the second wall;
and
- (e) affixing the support frame to the first wall and affixing the connecting members to the second wall to form a single wall structure.

Claim 8 (original): A method for anchoring first and second spaced apart walls together according to claim 7, wherein the step of affixing the support frame to the first wall and affixing the connecting members to the second wall comprises depositing mortar on the mortar joints of said first and second walls.

Claim 9 (currently amended): A connecting bracket according to claim [[1]] 14, wherein each of the first and second connectors comprises an eye.

Claim 10 (canceled).

Claim 11 (canceled).

Claim 12 (currently amended): A connecting bracket according to claim [[1]] 14, wherein the first and second connectors are coplanar with the first and second arms

and the cross member.

Claim 13 (currently amended): A connecting bracket according to claim [[1]] 14, wherein the connecting bracket is substantially U-shaped.

Claim 14 (new): A connecting bracket for use in a masonry anchor for connecting first and second spaced-apart walls defining a cavity therebetween, comprising:

- (a) a cross member having first and second ends and a curve formed intermediate the first and second ends defining first and second spaced-apart welding points;
- (b) a first arm extending substantially straight from a proximal end connected to the first end of the cross member to a distal end having a first connector formed thereon;
- (c) a second arm extending substantially straight from a proximal end connected to the second end of the cross member to a distal end having a second connector formed thereon; and
- (d) wherein the first and second arms are substantially parallel with each other and substantially perpendicular and coplanar with the cross member.

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Claim 15 (new): A connecting bracket according to claim 14, wherein the first and second connectors comprise first and second eyes that are substantially coplanar with the cross member and the first and second arms.